

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 25 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fischer (US 6380315) and Shin (US 6593404).

The Examiner states that Fischer teaches a molding composition including an emulsion polymer formed from a hydrophobic monomer and a hydrophilic monomer and because of this disclosure the instant claims are unpatentable. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Fischer molding compositions are not the mold release compositions claimed here. The Fischer compositions are used to make the moldings themselves, or films, as evidenced in column 10, lines 41 to 62, particularly lines 58 to 60. Thus, Fischer does not teach compositions for use as release agents to ease the moldings from the mold.

The Examiner further states that Shin teaches a Tg of below -10°C as desirable for styrene and alkyl substituted polymers to adapt for intended use as releasable moldings. Applicants respectfully traverse the applicability of this reference. Shin is teaching flame-retardant thermoplastic resin compositions for use as electrical products and automotive-components (column 1 lines 19 to 32). These, also, are the moldings themselves and not release agents. Moreover, applicants' claim a polymer with a Tg of *at least* -10°C , not below -10°C .

We urge the Examiner to the conclusion that the above references do not make the instant claims obvious, and request the Examiner to remove the rejection and allow the claims.

end of remarks